

**MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES LICENSING ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 281 of 2016**

**333.27801 Marihuana advisory panel.**

Sec. 801. (1) The marihuana advisory panel is created within the department.

(2) The marihuana advisory panel consists of 17 members, including the director of state police or his or her designee, the director of this state's department of health and human services or his or her designee, the director of the department or his or her designee, the attorney general or his or her designee, the director of the department of agriculture and rural development or his or her designee, and the following members appointed by the governor:

- (a) One registered medical marihuana patient or medical marihuana primary caregiver.
- (b) One representative of the industry from the growers category.
- (c) One representative of the industry from the processors category.
- (d) One representative of the industry from the provisioning centers category.
- (e) One representative of the industry from the safety compliance facilities category.
- (f) One representative of townships.
- (g) One representative of cities and villages.
- (h) One representative of counties.
- (i) One representative of sheriffs.
- (j) One representative of local police.
- (k) One physician licensed under article 15 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

(l) One representative of the industry from the secure transporter category.

(3) The governor shall appoint the first members of the panel by March 1, 2018. The members appointed to the panel shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and shall serve for terms of 3 years or until a successor is appointed, whichever is later.

(4) If a vacancy occurs on the advisory panel, the governor shall make an appointment for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

(5) The director of the department or his or her designee shall call the first meeting of the panel within 1 month after the advisory panel is appointed. At the first meeting, the panel shall elect from among its members a chairperson and any other officers it considers necessary or appropriate. After the first meeting, the panel shall meet at least 2 times each year, or more frequently at the call of the chairperson.

(6) A majority of the members of the panel constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the members present and serving are required for official action of the panel.

(7) The business that the panel performs must be conducted at a public meeting held in compliance with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

(8) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the panel in the performance of an official function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

(9) Members of the panel shall serve without compensation. However, members of the panel may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as members of the panel.

(10) The panel may make recommendations to the board concerning promulgation of rules and, as requested by the board or the department, the administration, implementation, and enforcement of this act and the marihuana tracking act.

(11) State departments and agencies shall cooperate with the panel and, upon request, provide it with meeting space and other necessary resources to assist it in the performance of its duties.

**History:** 2016, Act 281, Eff. Dec. 20, 2016;—Am. 2018, Act 10, Imd. Eff. Jan. 26, 2018.

**Compiler's note:** Enacting section 2 of Act 281 of 2016 provides:

"Enacting section 2. The legislature finds that the necessity for access to safe sources of marihuana for medical use and the immediate need for growers, processors, secure transporters, provisioning centers, and safety compliance facilities to operate under clear requirements establish the need to promulgate emergency rules to preserve the public health, safety, or welfare."

For transfer of powers and duties of the medical marihuana licensing board, marihuana advisory panel, and department of licensing and regulatory affairs, including its bureau of marijuana regulation, to the marijuana regulatory agency, and abolishment of the medical marihuana licensing board, marihuana advisory panel, and bureau of marijuana regulation, see ERO No. 2019-2, compiled at MCL 333.27001.

For the renaming of the marijuana regulatory agency to the cannabis regulatory agency, see E.R.O. No. 2022-1, compiled at MCL 333.27002.